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1. The Hungarian Army made great advances in development during the winter of 1953-1954. New high command staff were organized and many transfers and general staff appointments made.
2. The Army corps command originally organized at Pápa will soon be transferred to Szombathely on the Austro-Hungarian border; according to report. It will have command of the new motorized forces at present stationed in west Hungary. The Soviets have released a few of their barracks in Szombathely for this purpose and it is expected that by the summer of 1954 the Soviets will have evacuated more of their quarters there. Various informants agree that the Soviet garrison in Szombathely is smaller now than it was last year/1953/.
3. Something of a sensation has been caused by the report that a First Motorized Mechanized Army Command is being organized in Budapest. Report says the staff already exists. This army command will comprise two corps, as follows:

The XI Mechanized Army Corps, with headquarters in Budapest, consisting of the 7th Motorized Mechanized Division at Esztergom, and the 18th Armored Division at Gyöngyös.

The II Motorized Mechanized Army Corps, with headquarters at Abasár, consisting of the 4th Motorized Infantry Division at Nyiregyháza, and the 6th Motorized Infantry Division at Szolnok. The command will also include an artillery division or brigade at Cegléd.

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4. Establishment of a corps headquarters at Abasár is something new. This place is 5 or 6 kilometers northeast of the town of Gyöngyös. It is reported that the corps headquarters are in a former aristocrat's confiscated castle.
5. The artillery division or brigade at Cegléd is said to be equipped only with self-propelled guns and is referred to by the troops as "assault and breakthrough artillery," which is a new term. The formation of this unit are reported to have been trained in the neighborhood by a Soviet armored division.
6. According to further reports, there are Hungarian division or brigade commands in the following localities at the present time:

Esztergom, a motorized mechanized division
 Gyöngyös, an armored division
 Nagykanizsa, an infantry division
 Tab, an infantry division
 Pécs, an infantry division
 Keszthely, an infantry division
 Veszprém, an infantry division
 Mór, an infantry division
 Debrecen, an infantry division
 Nyíregyháza, an infantry division
 Szolnok, an infantry division
 Kiskunfélegyháza or Kiskunhalas, an infantry division
 Miskolc, an artillery division or brigade
 Cegléd, an artillery division or brigade
 Komárom, an artillery division or brigade
 Szeged, an artillery division or brigade

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